

## **REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the indication at paragraph 8 of the Office Action that claims 6, 8-13, 17-19, 25-28, and 30 are directed to allowable subject matter.

### **Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-3, 6-15, 17-22, and 24-32, including independent claims 1, 14, and 21, were pending at the time the Office Action was issued with claims 4-5, 16, and 23 having been previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 9, 18-19, and 30 are presently canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 10, 14, and 21 are currently amended.

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10-15, 17, 20-22, and 24-29, and 31-32 are pending.

### **35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejections**

The Office has rejected claims 1-3, 7, 14-15, 20-22, 24, 29, and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), at part 3, pages 2-8 of the Office Action, as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0033853 of Jones et al. ("Jones"). Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 9 to present claim 9 in independent form. (Claim 10, which previously depended from claim 9, is amended to depend from claim 1.) In addition, Applicants have amended independent claim 14 to include, in the alternative, the subject matter of claims 18-19, each of which was indicated to be allowable, to present the subject matter of claims 18-19 in independent form. Applicants have amended independent claim 21 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 30 in independent form. Hence, claims 1, 14, and 21 are allowable.

Claims 2-3 and 7 depend from claim 1, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Accordingly, claims 2-3 and 7 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1. Additionally, claims 15 and 20 depend from claim 14, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Accordingly, claims 15 and 20 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 14. Further, claims 22, 24, 29, and 31-32 depend from claim 21, which

Applicants have shown to be allowable. Accordingly, claims 22, 24, 29, and 31-32 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 21.

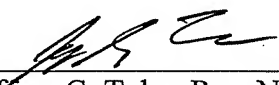
### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims. If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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